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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 2860**
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RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS GENE AND METHOD
FOR DIAGNOSING RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I, Warren Cheek, hereby state:

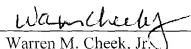
1. I am attorney of record in the present application.
2. I have compared the flanking sequences of SEQ ID NO. 1 and the GenBank sequence of X12556.
3. I confirm that the flanking sequences in SEQ ID NO. 1 are identical to the Gen Bank sequence of X12556.
4. I have also compared the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 5 and the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6 with the nucleic acid and amino acid sequences of the Genbank sequence X12556.
5. The sequences of SEQ ID NOS: 5 and 6 and the Genbank sequence X12556 are identical.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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